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Amendments to the Specification:

pages 2-3, after the heading "Summary of the Invention," amend the paragraphs on these pages, as follows:

--Systems and methods consistent with the present invention allow a player to play a game of chance. The system may include a plurality of game terminals and a central controller connected to each of the plurality of game terminals. Each game terminal may include means for receiving a game choice (e.g., a selection of predetermined numbers, colors, and/or symbols) and a wager amount for a game from a player, means for [determining] displaying the result of the game, and means for transmitting game information (e.g., result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and/or a time) [after each game for which the wager amount was received. The central controller may]^{7 New Mark} to the central controller on a per-game basis. The game terminal may further include means for receiving[, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information after each game for which the wager amount was received.

The game terminal may further include means for receiving player identification information from the player. In addition, game terminals may or may not accept coins or bills. Moreover, the] player identification information from the player. In addition, game terminals may or may not accept coins or bills. N.M.

The central controller may [further include means for adjusting player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the

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wager amount was received] include a database to store player account balances for a plurality of players, an interface to receive, from the plurality of game terminals, game information on a per-game basis, and a processor for adjusting the player account balances on a per-game basis. NY

The invention also includes a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of [player] game terminals [and] connected to a central controller. [One of]Consistent with this method, player account balances may be stored for a plurality of players. Game information may be received from the plurality of game terminals [may receive a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player. The result of the game may be determined. Then, the game terminal may transmit game information (e.g., result of the game, the wager amount, player=s updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and/or a time) to the central controller] every time a wager amount is received by the game terminal and a player account balance may be adjusted after each game for which [the wager amount was received. The central controller may in turn adjust player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.] a wager amount is received by the game terminals. NY

Both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory, and intended to provide further explanation of the claimed invention as opposed to limiting it in any manner.--

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 53, 60, 64, 67, 72, 73, 80, 84, 87, 92, 93, 98, 99, 106-108, 112-115, 119-123, and 143, as follows:

53. (Amended) A gaming system, comprising:

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a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving [a game choice and] a wager amount for a game from a player,

means for [determining] displaying the result of the game, and

means for transmitting game information [after] for each game for which the wager amount was received; and

a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including

means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information [after] for each game for which the wager amount was received; and

means for adjusting player account information after each game for which a wager amount was received.

60. (Amended) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player,

means for [determining] displaying the result of the game, and

means for transmitting game information after [each game for which] the wager amount [was] is received, the game information including the [result of the game] wager amount;

and

a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including

means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information after [each game for which] the wager amount [was] is received.

64. (Amended) The system of claim 60, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the [wager amount] result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

67. (Amended) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player,

means for [determining] displaying the result of the game, and

means for transmitting game information [after] for each game for which the wager amount was received[, the game information including the result of the game]; and

a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including

means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information [after] for each game for which the wager amount was received, and

means for adjusting player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

72. (Amended) The system of claim 67, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the wager amount, result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

73. (Amended) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game, from a player;

[determining] displaying the result of the game; and

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received.

80. (Amended) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller for storing a player account balance, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game, from a player;

[determining] displaying the result of the game; and

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller [after each game for which the] each time a wager amount [was] is received[, the game information including the result of the game] to enable the central controller to adjust the player account balance on a per-game basis.

84. (Amended) The method of claim 80, further comprising transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, additional game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the additional game information including at least one of the [wager amount] result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

87. (Amended) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game, from a player;

[determining] displaying the result of the game;

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller [after] for each game for which the wager amount was received[, the game information including the result of the game]; and

adjusting, by the central controller, player account information of the player [after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received] on a per-game basis.

92. (Amended) The method of claim 87, further comprising transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, additional game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

93. (Amended) A game terminal for a gaming system that includes a central controller, the game terminal comprising:

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player;

means for [determining] displaying the result of the game; and

means for transmitting game information to the central controller [after each game for which the] each time a wager amount [was] is received.

98. (Amended) A game terminal for a gaming system that includes a central controller, the game terminal comprising:

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player;

means for [determining] displaying the result of the game; and

means for transmitting game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received[, the game information including the result of the game] to enable the central controller to update a player account on a per-game basis.

99. (Amended) The game terminal of claim 98, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the wager amount, result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

106. (Amended) A central controller for a gaming system that includes a plurality of game terminals, the central controller comprising:

[means for communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and]

means for storing a player account balance for a player;

means for receiving, from [the] a game terminal[s], game information [after each game for which] every time a wager amount [was] is received by the game terminal[, the game information including the result of the game]; and

means for adjusting the player account balance on a per-game basis.

107. (Amended) The central controller of claim 106, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the wager amount, result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

108. (Amended) The central controller of claim 106, wherein the means for adjusting [further comprising means for adjusting] adjusts player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

112. (Amended) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; [and]

receiving[, at the central controller,] game information from the game terminals [after]

for each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the game information including [a result of the game] the wager amount; and

adjusting player account information on a per-game basis.

113. (Amended) The method of claim 112, further comprising receiving, at the central controller, additional game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the additional game information including at least one of the [wager amount] result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

114. (Amended) The method of claim 112, wherein adjusting player account information on a per-game basis further [comprising] comprises adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

115. (Amended) A central controller for a gaming system that includes a plurality of game terminals, the central controller comprising:

means for communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals;

means for receiving, from the game terminals, game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals[, the game information including the result of the game and the wager amount]; and

means for adjusting player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

119. (Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals [after] for each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the game information including [a result of the game] the wager amount; and

adjusting player account information on a per-game basis.

120. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 119, wherein the method further comprises receiving, at the central controller, additional game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the additional game information including at least one of the [wager amount] result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

121. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 119, wherein the [method] adjusting of player account information further comprises adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

122. (Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals;

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals [after each game for which] each time a wager amount [was] is received by the game terminals[, the game information including a result of the game]; and

adjusting, at the central controller, player account information [after each game] according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

123. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 122, wherein the method further comprises receiving, at the central controller, additional game information after each

game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

143. (Amended) A gaming method, comprising:

receiving, at a game terminal, a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player;

[determining] displaying, at the game terminal, the result of the game; and

transmitting, from the game terminal to a central controller, game information after each game for which the wager amount was received [, the game information including the result of the game and the wager amount] to enable the central controller to update a player account on a per-game basis.

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